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## 5 January 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas H. Karamessines

Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT

: Defense Department Position on

Patrel Torpedo Boats

- politically charged memorandum from Secretary Laird to Dr. Kissinger on the Defense Department position regarding seven PTF boats presently assigned to MACSOG. The background history on this issue is well known to you and need not be rehearsed here. Per Frank Hand's covering comment to me (also attached) this is a bootleg copy of Laird's memo and, hence, a doubly sensitive document.
- 2. Because of their direct interest in the matters covered, I am sending a copy of this note and its attachment on a personal, eyes only basis to the chiefs of the Far East and Special Operations Divisions and to the Director of Communications.

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Attachment - TOP SECRET

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